

"TEMPLARY IS THE NEW TESTAMENT OF MASONRY"



# THE TEMPLAR



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Right Eminent Sirs and Sir Knights:

GREETINGS:

Spring is here, and with it comes the awakening of the beauty that surrounds us. Let us awaken also and bring to our Commanderies that spark of life they need so much - Candidates. I am most pleased with the success so far this year, but let us not slacken our pace. Commanderies are like magnets. The more powerful they are the more they attract. The only thing sweeter than praise is the feeling of having deserved it. If people did no more than they had to life would come to a standstill. Therefore, Sir Knights, let us do a bit more than we have to and feel that we deserve the praise that will be ours when we successfully complete this Templar year with the greatest gain in membership of recent years. It is within our grasp. Let us not let it slip away. Keep Templary on the March!

Speaking of "Keeping Templary on the March," I am looking forward to seeing the banners of all Commanderies in line on May 11th in Providence. This is to be the finest showing of Templary of the present, and in celebration of 150 years of American Templary we must all do our part. I certainly hope that as many as possible can be present also on May 10th and that many Commanderies take part in the competitive drill. Plans must be completed right away as the time is growing short. "ON TO PROVIDENCE AND A GREAT TEMPLAR TIME."

Manning Bowl - May 25th. More in next month's Templar, but save the date.

New England Triennial Special leaves Boston for New Orleans, Louisiana, Friday, September 19th, at 10:45 A.M., arriving in New Orleans on Sunday, the 21st, at 7 A.M.

Congratulations to Boston for a very successful anniversary celebration.

And now, Sir Knights, in conclusion, may I again thank you all for the wonderful support accorded me during this year, and ask for your undivided complete support for the few remaining activities of the year.

Courteously and fraternally,

CHARLES F. FAIRBANKS, 2nd.  
Grand Commander

O N T O P R O V I D E N C E - Saturday, May 10th and 11th, 1952  
Sunday, May 11th, 1952

9:00-11:00 A.M. Templar Breakfast  
Garden Restaurant, Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel  
(Continuous Service) . . . \$1.50 per plate

OUT-DOOR CHURCH SERVICE, Brown Stadium

2:00 P.M. Band Concert and Organ Recital, Robert Phillips, Jr., Organist  
2:30 P.M. Entrance of Grand Commandery, St. Johns Commandery No. 1 K.T. (Host) of  
Providence; Guest Commanderies and Blue Lodge Masons of Rhode Island  
2:40 P.M. Ceremonial  
Formation of Triangle and Cross, Salute to Colors  
National Anthem  
Invocation.....Dr. James H. Lightbourne  
Dismissal of Commanderies  
Hymn.....Choir and Congregation  
Address of Welcome.....Em. Sir Kenneth H. Earle  
Greetings.....Rt. Em. Sir Charles F. Fairbanks, 2nd  
Scripture Lesson.....Dr. Donald G. Wright  
Choir.  
Prayer.....Dr. Kenneth L. Cober  
Hymn.....Choir and Congregation  
Introduction of Speaker.....Em. Sir Paul W. Witherell  
Address.....Rt. Rev. Granville Gaylord Bennett  
Benediction.....Rev. Henry H. Schooley  
Postlude.....Palestine Temple Shrine Band  
Choir of 400 Voices

In addition we are very happy to announce that the "St. Dunstan's Boy Choristers" of St. Dunstan's School in Providence, under the direction of T. James Hallan, F.T.C.L., will be our feature entertainment Saturday night at the Banquet.

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SUBJECT: PATRIOTIC ACTIVITIES

If you have not previously read and re-read Order No. 6 of the M.E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the U.S., may I ask that you do so at once. This is not "just another Order." It will not become a "dead letter." It is Program of Action. For years, many Knights Templar have felt that the influence and power of our great Fraternity should be exerted to a greater degree outside the asylum as well as within its walls; that Templary has a mission far beyond the mere creation of Sir Knights and their own personal consecration to the ideals of our Order; that we, as members of this militant and military body of Christian Masonry, ought to be more active in the affairs of our several communities and of the nation at large, not only as individuals, but as an organization. Order

No. 6 is the response to that desire; it points the way. In order to implement that Order, it will be necessary to establish "Patriotic Activities Committees." "To start the Ball Rolling," each Eminent Commander should give immediate consideration to the appointment of such a committee in his Commandery. The membership should be chosen with great care, primarily men who are active, energetic, with a record of being "Go-getters." Preferably they should also be civic, church and fraternal leaders - men of prominence and standing in the locality. The list of various projects cited in Order No. 6 is suggestive only, and is not necessarily all-inclusive. It is the desire of the M.E. Grand Master that in every instance the increased support of the Christian

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Church and the Christian virtues be stressed. The following activities ...the voting in school, local, state and national elections, free public schools, subversive or communistic tendencies, youth movements, DeMolay, Boy Scouts and similar youth organizations, and Civil Defense are only suggestions for the agenda of each Commandery. Such additional activities should be chosen (for action) which for any given community appear to be the most needful.

When you make your appointments, kindly advise me of the names, indicating specifically the Chairman, together with his address. After the Committees are all selected, I hope to be able to consult with the Chairman (or at least with representatives from each Division) to the end that the work of the various committees may be properly and effectively coordinated. Here is a job that ought to be a challenge to every public-spirited Knight Templar. Let us meet it in such a way as to prove that our R.E. Grand Commander is right in proclaiming that "Templary Is On The March-Forward."

Chairman,  
Patriotic Committee

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"The Right of Franchise is one of the most precious rights which we as Americans enjoy. It is the source from which 'government of the people, for the people and by the people,' stems. With it, there is progress, without it, there is slavery and oppression.

It is the duty of each of our citizens to register his preference and opinions at each and every election, and so control the forces of government that they will operate for the common good. When this duty is neglected, it is probable that a well-organized minority will usurp the reins of government to the detriment of the entire nation.

If every Knight Templar would seriously consider the above, and use his influence to have every citizen with whom he comes in contact register and vote, he would be doing much toward making this world a better place in which to live."

William J. McKay  
Commander, Athol Commandery #37

A few weeks ago Billy Graham, an evangelist, stood on the steps of the nation's Capital and spoke to an audience of 45,000 people, and asked the United States Congress to request the President of the U.S. to set aside a week day to be declared a day of confession of sin, humiliation, repentance and turning to God in this hour.

When the Pilgrims landed on our shores the first thing they did when they got off the ship was to kneel down under the open sky and thank God. That was why they had come here ... to meet God in the way they thought right.

It was a simple, manly way they had with Him. Each man seeking His presence, reading His word, listening to His voice, trying to understand His way and live by it, each man a free man, responsible to God. It was not only on Sundays, or in church alone that they thought of Him, but always and everywhere. They felt that the world was God's house and they walked reverently in it, and they tried to remember to live by His ways. And from that day to this, when we come together to make a solemn decision, we take a moment to ask God to make our minds wise and our hearts good, and our motives pure.

The world needs men of the highest character to shape the course that confronts the people of every land today. May we, as Knights Templar, work together for the consummation of our ideals and the application of the same in our lives and conduct.

If our Christian Order stands for the Christian religion and the practice of Christian virtues, then we must put into practice in our every-day lives those high ideals and principles laid down by the Master.

CHANGES OF INSPECTION DATES

Boston Commandery #2 has been changed from April 16th to May 21st, 1952.

St. Paul Commandery #40 has been changed from April 11th to May 16th, 1952.

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Lafayette was made a Mason in an Army Lodge at Valley Forge by George Washington and when he returned to visit America in 1825 he had with him his son George Washington Lafayette, who was a member of the Craft.

# COMING EVENTS

April 13 - Easter Sunrise Service sponsored by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. Service in Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia, on the shores of the Potomac River, opposite the District of Columbia.

May 9, 10, 11 - St. Johns Commandery #1 K.T. Sesquicentennial Celebration, Providence, R.I.

May 10 - Semi-annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, held in Providence, R.I. at 10:00 A.M. (Details later)

May 25 - Manning Bowl Service, sponsored by Olivet Commandery #36, Lynn, Mass. Details will be furnished later. LET'S KEEP THIS OUTSTANDING EVENT IN MIND!

May 26 - Tribute Dinner to Em. Sir John J. Mick, sponsored by DeMolay Commandery #7, Boston, Mass. A most cordial invitation will be extended to all Commanders at a later date.

June 11 - Templar Night at "Pops," sponsored by the Presiding Councils Club. A large portion of any proceeds will be given to Olivet Commandery #36, Lynn, to help pay the expenses of their Sunday Service at Manning Bowl, Sunday, May 25th, 1952.

Sept. 21-25 - 45th Triennial Conclave of The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A. meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana. For further information, contact Grand Commandery Office, 51 Boylston St., Boston 16, Mass. - Tel: HA 6-1973.

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Some indeed among us are not so much griev'd for the present State of our Affairs, as apprehensive for the future.... They observe, that no Revenue is sufficient without Economy, and that the most plentiful Income of a whole People from the natural Productions of their Country may be dissipated in vain and needless Expenses, and Poverty be introduced in the place of Affluence.

Benjamin Franklin

If all misfortune were laid in common heap, whence every one must take an equal portion, most people would be content to take their own and depart.

Socrates

# PENNA. COMMANDERY PAYS RETURN VISIT

Forty-two members of Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 19 of Easton, Pa., visited Melrose, Saturday, March 15th, returning a visit of the Melrose fraters to Easton last November.

Transportation committee of No. 20, headed by Chairman G. Frederick Tebbetts, Captain General, and composed of 15 members with their automobiles, each flying a Beauseant pennant on their radio antennas, met them at the Back Bay Station. The Committee conveyed the visitors to their headquarters in the Hotel Touraine, Boston, after which all went on a historical tour, visiting Harvard College en route to the battle green in Lexington, then stopping at the monument for pictures. The tour continued over the route taken by Paul Revere, himself a Knight Templar, stopping at the point where his ride ended, near the Hartwell Farm. From there on to Concord, to Wright's Tavern and the Manse, and then on to and stopping at the bridge on the historic battleground, where "the shot heard round the world" was fired. Returning, the members arrived at the Masonic Temple, Melrose, for the festivities of the evening, which was a special conclave of the Commandery preceded by a dinner, which 200 Sir Knights attended. Following the dinner, the Rt. Em. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templars and the appendant orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island - Sir Knight Charles F. Fairbanks, 2nd, of Lowell, and his suite, were officially received. Commander J. Leroy Jones then received the Eminent Commander of Easton, Pa., Sir Knight Walter W. Kutler and all his fraters. Prominent among them was the grand representative of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island near the Grand Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, Sir Knight T. Stuart Drake, a past commander of No. 19 and Commander of its order of the temple team.

# MASONIC LOVE

The Masonic type of love is brotherly love that impels you to say and do helpful things for your fellowman. The word "charity" often misunderstood, is an adaptation of the Latin word caritas, which means sincere affection.

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| COMMANDERY       | 6 MOS. | MAR. | TOT. |
|------------------|--------|------|------|
| St. Johns        | 45     | 12   | 57   |
| Boston           | 49     | 53   | 102  |
| Newburyport      | 9      | 2    | 11   |
| Washington       | 2      | 0    | 2    |
| Worcester County | 20     | 0    | 20   |
| Springfield      | 16     | 2    | 18   |
| De Molay         | 55     | 10   | 65   |
| Holy Sepulchre   | 5      | 0    | 5    |
| Pilgrim          | 9      | 0    | 9    |
| Palestine        | 5      | 0    | 5    |
| Milford          | 0      | 0    | 0    |
| St. Bernard      | 5      | 0    | 5    |
| Calvary          | 15     | 16   | 31   |
| Haverhill        | 10     | 0    | 10   |
| Old Colony       | 7      | 2    | 9    |
| Sutton           | 16     | 2    | 18   |
| Bethany          | 1      | 0    | 1    |
| Winslow Lewis    | 4      | 4    | 8    |
| Jerusalem        | 9      | 0    | 9    |
| Hugh de Payens   | 43     | 2    | 45   |
| St. Omer         | 15     | 0    | 15   |
| Berkshire        | 3      | 1    | 4    |
| Conn. Valley     | 4      | 1    | 5    |
| Woonsocket       | 32     | 0    | 32   |
| God. de Bouillon | 6      | 0    | 6    |
| Joseph Warren    | 3      | 0    | 3    |
| Narragansett     | 3      | 0    | 3    |
| Bristol          | 16     | 1    | 17   |
| Northampton      | 1      | 1    | 2    |
| South Shore      | 4      | 2    | 6    |
| Trinity          | 3      | 2    | 5    |
| Natick           | 3      | 0    | 3    |
| Coeur de Lion    | 19     | 1    | 20   |
| Gethsemane       | 53     | 4    | 57   |
| Olivet           | 8      | 3    | 11   |
| Athol            | 2      | 0    | 2    |
| Bay State        | 13     | 5    | 18   |
| Cyprus           | 3      | 0    | 3    |
| St. Paul         | 1      | 0    | 1    |
| Beauseant        | 10     | 3    | 13   |
| Cambridge        | 2      | 0    | 2    |
| Bethlehem        | 0      | 0    | 0    |
| Orange           | 3      | 0    | 3    |
| Ivanhoe          | 9      | 2    | 11   |
| Quincy           | 6      | 5    | 11   |
| Temple           | 6      | 3    | 9    |
| St. Andrew       | 9      | 0    | 9    |
| Reading          | 10     | 7    | 17   |
| T. S. Webb       | 4      | 0    | 4    |
| Sir Galahad      | 5      | 1    | 6    |
| Total            | 583    | 147  | 730  |

|       | ACCUMULATIVE |      |      |      |      |
|-------|--------------|------|------|------|------|
| MONTH | 1952         | 1951 | 1950 | 1949 | 1948 |
| Sept. | 97           | 63   | 52   | 53   | 48   |
| Oct.  | 215          | 125  | 144  | 128  | 128  |
| Nov.  | 277          | 185  | 185  | 186  | 202  |
| Dec.  | 352          | 264  | 270  | 276  | 264  |
| Jan.  | 484          | 345  | 391  | 377  | 328  |
| Feb.  | 583          | 469  | 562  | 477  | 435  |
| Mar.  | 730          | 557  | 813  | 550  | 491  |
| Apr.  |              | 665  | 906  | 672  | 565  |
| May   |              | 731  | 969  | 727  | 676  |
| June  |              | 804  | 1040 | 775  | 705  |

#### LEADERS

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| BOSTON         | 102 |
| De MOLAY       | 65  |
| GETHSEMANE     | 57  |
| ST JOHNS       | 57  |
| HUGH DE PAYENS | 45  |
| WOONSOCKET     | 32  |
| CALVARY        | 31  |

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#### EMINENT COMMANDERS:

Have you ever asked yourself the question, "WHAT HAS HE GOT THAT I DO NOT HAVE?" Frankly nothing, only THAT ambition to get out and work to secure the desired results.

Thus far SEVEN COMMANDERIES have made and exceeded their QUOTA. Several more will make it during April - however, what about the others?

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN ABOUT YOUR QUOTA?

Won't you please realize our program includes YOUR activity in addition to that of the Commander who is really working! Included in the group that are definitely "OFF THE PACE" are Worcester County, Springfield, Holy Sepulchre, Pilgrim and Sutton. These FIVE Commanderies have 150 more petitions to come.

EMINENT COMMANDERS, what YOU DO for the next three months will determine whether we will make our objective for 1952.

Courteously yours,

JOHN B. NAYLOR, CHAIRMAN  
New Membership and Publicity Comm.

| COMMANDERY        | QUOTA '52 | TOTAL TO<br>Mar. 31 | BAL NEEDED | OVER QUOTA |
|-------------------|-----------|---------------------|------------|------------|
| St. Johns         | 60        | 57                  | 3          |            |
| BOSTON            | 100       | 102                 |            | 2          |
| Newburyport       | 20        | 11                  | 9          |            |
| Washington        | 10        | 2                   | 8          |            |
| Worcester County  | 75        | 20                  | 55         |            |
| Springfield       | 40        | 18                  | 22         |            |
| De Molay          | 75        | 65                  | 10         |            |
| Holy Sepulchre    | 25        | 5                   | 20         |            |
| Pilgrim           | 35        | 9                   | 26         |            |
| Palestine         | 15        | 5                   | 10         |            |
| Milford           | 12        | 0                   | 12         |            |
| St. Bernard       | 8         | 5                   | 3          |            |
| Calvary           | 35        | 31                  | 4          |            |
| Haverhill         | 25        | 10                  | 15         |            |
| Old Colony        | 15        | 9                   | 6          |            |
| Sutton            | 40        | 18                  | 22         |            |
| Bethany           | 10        | 1                   | 9          |            |
| Winslow Lewis **  | 6         | 8                   |            | 2          |
| Jerusalem         | 10        | 9                   | 1          |            |
| Hugh de Payens ** | 40        | 45                  |            | 5          |
| St. Omer          | 20        | 15                  | 5          |            |
| Berkshire         | 15        | 4                   | 11         |            |
| Conn. Valley      | 12        | 5                   | 7          |            |
| Woonsocket **     |           | 32                  |            | 32         |
| God. de Bouillon  | 10        | 6                   | 4          |            |
| Joseph Warren     | 10        | 3                   | 7          |            |
| Narragansett      | 15        | 3                   | 12         |            |
| Bristol **        | 5         | 17                  |            | 12         |
| Northampton       | 8         | 2                   | 6          |            |
| South Shore       | 10        | 6                   | 4          |            |
| Trinity           | 20        | 5                   | 15         |            |
| Natick            | 10        | 5                   | 5          |            |
| Coeur de Lion     | 20        | 20                  |            |            |
| Gethsemane        | 75        | 57                  | 18         |            |
| Olivet            | 20        | 11                  | 9          |            |
| Athol             | 10        | 2                   | 8          |            |
| Bay State         | 20        | 18                  | 2          |            |
| Cyprus            | 3         | 3                   |            |            |
| St. Paul          | 15        | 1                   | 14         |            |
| Beauseant         | 20        | 13                  | 7          |            |
| Cambridge         | 10        | 2                   | 8          |            |
| Bethlehem         | 10        | 0                   | 10         |            |
| Orange            | 4         | 3                   | 1          |            |
| Ivanhoe           | 15        | 11                  | 4          |            |
| Quincy            | 20        | 11                  | 9          |            |
| Temple            | 15        | 9                   | 6          |            |
| St. Andrew        | 15        | 9                   | 6          |            |
| Reading           | 20        | 17                  | 3          |            |
| T. Smith Webb     | 8         | 4                   | 4          |            |
| Sir Galahad       | 10        | 6                   | 4          |            |